

MONDAY 2.3.25- John 1:14

Glory is a many faceted concept that cannot be contained in synonyms. It's like a shimmering, expertly cut diamond that reflects pure light, but simultaneously contains a rainbow of prismatic beauty. God is Glory. He is radiant ; He is Light; He is Holiness; He is an all-consuming fire. Just as He is, so is His Glory. God's Glory was too intense for Moses to look upon directly; the Lord had to shield him and protect him. But today's passage reveals that we have seen God's Glory. Jesus's incarnation was God's Glory in the flesh. He brought His Glory to Earth to save mankind. What a privilege we have to know God and be filled with His Glory so that we can glorify Him through praise, thankfulness, and obedience to His commands with a life of dedicated service that reveals the Glory of God to others.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 2.4.25 - Hebrews 1:1-3

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Did you ever think about how everything from creation past to creation future points to Christ? From the creation of the world until the new creation of Heaven and Earth, everything points to Him. The prophets of old looked forward as they proclaimed his life, death and resurrection and we look back and stand in awe at what He has done for us. Christ's death and resurrection sent shockwaves that resonated from eternity past to eternity future in a way that nothing else has ever come close to.

God wants our worship not just on Sundays, but throughout each day of our lives. I want to challenge you to spend each day of this coming week worshipping Christ. Speaking of His greatness, being in wonder of who He is and what He has done.

Praise Him and give thanks for the great things He has done in your life. Then go and share His greatness and love with those He brings your way.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 2.5.25 - John 17:6-19

"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth" (John 17:17)

Previously our Lord had prayed that the Father would "keep" or protect the apostles from the poisonous dynamics of the world. Now He prayed that they would be set apart by truth that comes through the Word. The word "sanctify" means *set apart*. Jesus prayed that the Father would set the apostles apart by the truth of what they were taught.

It is not enough to separate ourselves from the values of the world system. We need to learn more about God's system of values, His worldview, His viewpoint on reality. We need to be kept from the one and confirmed in the other. As the Word of God captures our heart, it will transform our lives. We must both understand and apply it to ourselves to make this happen. Sanctification of the believer's ministry and life comes by this process.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 2.6.25-Deuteronomy 31:6

Knowing he will not cross the Jordan with them into the Promised Land, Moses tells the Israelites: "*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you*" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

In **Hebrews 13:5**, this promise is repeated. **Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.**"

And in **verse 6** ⁶So we say with confidence, "**The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?**"

In verse 6 he has borrowed from: with me; **I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?** ⁷**The Lord is with me; he is my helper.** I look in triumph on my enemies.

It seems the writer of Hebrews is assuring us; God is with us in the beginning of the Book, the middle of the Book and at the end of the Book. He will never abandon us in our time of need.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 2.7.25 - Psalm 46:1-3

Is not this one of your favorite passages in all the Bible? The likely reason for it being a favorite of many is that all of us experience the feeling of vulnerability. Americans particularly, among all the peoples of the world, desire to be masters of our own. But deep within our hearts it is set that no one will help us best but ourselves. We must toot our own horn and put ourselves first. But we also know our own fallibilities and that we will not make it without failure.

It is in those times of failure, and we all are so familiar with them, that we doubt whether we can succeed. Indeed, as believers, we know that we cannot succeed but by the grace and power of God. It is His power, flowing from the river that is where He is, that grants to us any achievement, blessing, and security. He is where our help comes from.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
NURSERY (through Age 3) *9:40AM ONLY
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** **WINTER QUARTER** - began December 1st

LOCATION: B8-10 - Gene Steinruck - began Dec.1st.
EXPLORE THE BIBLE - Exodus and Leviticus
remind us that imperfect people can depend on a perfect God to lead them through whatever wilderness they face.

LOCATION: B11 - Shawn Devlin - began Jan. 19th
THE HEART OF WORSHIP - Learn how Scripture tells us God is the One we are to worship, and it shows us the ways we are to engage in worship, so we are drawn into a deeper walk with Him.

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** LOCATION: Worship Center

WINTER E2 SMALL GROUPS

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS: Join us for 11 weeks of food, fellowship, and Bible Study! Titled End Times & Spiritual Warfare. Began January 15th; meal at 6:00pm and Study begins at 7:00pm.

REVELATION - WOMENS STUDY: Join us for a 10-week Women's Bible Study following Jen Wilkin's book, "Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom". In this study you will become confident, assured, and inspired by the teachings in Revelation. Thursday Mornings at 9:00am in room B8-B10 Starting February 20th.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES, USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

John 17:1-5 Jesus Prays For Himself

Jesus' prayer is for the glory of God ...

1. _____ (17:1, 4)

Jesus completed the work God sent Him to do, including His death. Various characteristics of God were revealed at Calvary:

- _____ (John 3:16)
- _____ (Titus 3:5)
- _____ (Titus 2:11)
- _____ (Colossians 1:13-14)

2. _____ (17:5)

God the Son existed with God the Father throughout eternity past, and they shared the glory of God. They displayed the outer radiance and brilliance of God. When Jesus came to earth, He set aside this aspect of His glory. He did not walk this earth manifesting the Shekinah glory of God. He now prays, asking for the glory to be restored to Him.

3. _____ (17:2-3)

The Greek language contains two words translated by our one English word "know."

- *Oida* = _____
- *Ginosko* = _____ (v 3)

Eternal life is Q_____.
It is eternal—you will live forever with the Lord (John 6:47).
Eternal life is Q_____.
It is life—you will experience a deeper enjoyment of your relationship with the Lord (John 10:10).

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



February 3 - February 7

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:

Monday's and Tuesday's readings will be a follow up on Sunday's message from, February 2nd "Jesus Prays for Himself", with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on February 9th, "Jesus Prays for the Apostles", with Pastor Doug Lyon.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
John 15:12